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There is enclosed a copy of a European Search Report in corresponding European application EP 02 023 278 in which a number of references have been cited.

United States Patent 5,589,249 is cited in Category X with respect to all of examined claims 1 - 11 and with particular reference to the abstract, Column 2, lines 61 - 67, column 3, lines 6 - 45, column 4, lines 52 - 67, column 5, lines 11 - 18, column 5, line 67 to column 6, lines 2 and column 8, lines 9 - 12.

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WO 02 05 9410 is cited in Category A as technological background with reference to examined claims 6 - 10 for its abstract, page 16, lines 11 - 13, claims 1, 6, 8 and FIGS. 2 - 5A.

United States Patent 5,902 540 is cited as technological background and as a reference referred to in the body of the application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed together with a PTO 1449 form formally making them of record. The

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